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SUCH A GREAT IMPROVEMENT

Nursery praised after monitoring visit shows positive results

New man takes charge at RAF Odiham



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A BASINGSTOKE nursery has been praised following a critical Ofsted report earlier this year.

An Ofsted inspection on July 4 found Blossom Day Nursery to be 'inadequate', in areas including child safety and legal requirements.

However, a further monitoring visit on September 18 found the setting, which opened in January 2012, "had made a good improvement", with another full inspection of the school due in the coming weeks.

"You were making good progress," the follow-up report read. "A number of changes are taking place at the nursery; new members of staff have been employed...and there has been a full review of policies and procedures."

The nursery, based at Rooksdown Community Centre in Park Road, has 140 children on its books.

Co-owner and co-manager Mel Mulley said: "All actions have been met - we're now in a completely different situation to what the July inspection reads."

"We were expecting a number of monitoring visits. We had our first visit on September 18, and everything was overturned in

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the first visit. I find that quite amazing, and so did the inspector, that we had managed to do that. The plan of action is for us to move forward with the new inspection."

Mrs Mulley runs the nursery with co-manager and co-owner Tracey Mason.

"I've got over 10 pages of 140 parents comments, which are all absolutely behind this nursery."

"We've not had any children leave, and there has been no negative repercussions."

"We've never kept the parents in the dark about anything, we want to be absolutely upfront with them all the time."

A statement on the nursery's website read: "Blossom Day Nursery is committed to providing a high quality service in a safe, secure, flexible and stimulating learning environment, supporting the care and development of young children aged from birth to five years."

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Black History month 'success'

BASINGSTOKE'S Black History Month celebrations have been hailed a success.

The newly formed Basingstoke Caribbean Society and Friends held their launch event at the Poppley Fields Community Centre last month (October 5), attracting 150 people.

A series of events were staged in Basingstoke involving a number of local organisations. A free leisure, health and well-being event was held at Carnival Hall on October 12, which aimed at promoting these issues from a range of cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

Students at Basingstoke College of Technology (BCoT) were also encouraged to reflect on

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their cultural heritage at their Black History Cultural Event on October 23.

Grace Powell, the Basingstoke Caribbean Society and Friends' chair, said: "The events were attended by a range of persons covering different race, culture and religion."

"Information was shared and the opportunity to mix and mingle went well."

Paul Hamilton, of the society, added: "The Caribbean Society launch event was our chief event, and that went very well. 'The health and leisure event attracted about 50 people, and that went down very well too. That was a success.'

A workshop was planned for October 26, which targeted pri-

marily young people from Afro-Caribbean heritage to take part in activities with a focus on food, music and hairstyling.

However, the event, which was set to take place at Chute House on Church Street, has been postponed until next year due to the other commitments of guest speakers.

"Depending on team and resources we're hoping to do a black history workshop for young people next year," added Mr Hamilton.

There were also three film festival events at Basingstoke Discovery Centre on Festival Way.

"The three events had varying responses in terms of crowds, but they were worth doing," added Mr Hamilton.

"All films shown were films from yesteryear and all black orientated films, and were pertinent to black British Society."

"That is something we are looking to build on in the future."

"It's growing, and next year we hope to bring the educational institutions together, Hampshire libraries and the local professionals from the black and ethnic minority from these events."



• Flashback: The Observer's coverage of the Basingstoke Caribbean Society and Friends launch event

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Do not leave valuables on display - police

HAMPSHIRE Constabulary are reminding motorists not to leave valuables in cars after a jacket and boots were stolen from a car parked at Overton railway station.

Between 7am and 6.30pm on October 22, offenders smashed the rear windscreen of an Audi A6 parked in the overflow car park and stole a tweed shoot-

ing jacket and green wellington boots.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Police Staff Investigator Rosanna Brown at Basingstoke police station on 101.

Elsewhere, police are appealing for witnesses after a cyclist was involved in a collision with a bus in Basingstoke.

At about 4.50pm on October 29, a man was cycling towards Basingstoke and was near to a pelican crossing at West Ham Roundabout when he was in collision with a number 76 bus.

It is believed there are a number of people who were on the bus who may have witnessed this incident.

Skate park to be brightened up by graffiti designs

CHINEHAM Skate Park is getting a makeover - in the form of graffiti.

Chineham Parish Council has commissioned Basingstoke street art business Idle Cans to brighten up the park.

The work started on October 28, and expected to be finished within the next few days.

However, the design planned for the park is being kept under wraps.

Idle Cans managing director and artist, Lee Baker, said: "I can't say too much about the

finished piece as I don't want to ruin the surprise, but I can tell you I'm really excited about the work we are doing for the skate park, it should make a real difference to the place."

Lee added he hoped the artwork, which is being featured on the back and sides of the skate ramp, will add a little bit of colour to the lives of the locals who visit the park.

"I hope people feel happy when they see our work and that it's something everyone in the area can enjoy," he said.



• Plain, but not for long. Chineham skate park will soon be looking a lot brighter

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Who are your unsung heroes?

ST John's Ambulance is asking for people to nominate residents in the borough who have made a difference between life and death.

Everyday Heroes recognises the inspirational stories of individuals who have used first aid to save a life and/or are active in championing the cause of first aid.

People have until Friday December 13 to nominate via www.sja.org.uk/everydayheroes

The winners will be announced at a special ceremony on March 26 at the Lancaster Hotel in central London.

Town remembers

BASINGSTOKE will this week remember the sacrifice made by soldiers in conflict.

Remembrance Sunday will see the Mayor's Remembrance Sunday Service at the War Memorial by the civic offices in the town.

A wreath will be laid by the Mayor, Councillor Dan Putty, and people can leave their own tributes in or around the memorial.

And on Monday, a bugler will mark the observance of two minutes silence at the memorial.

Cllr Putty and BDBC chief executive Tony Curtis will lay wreaths on behalf of all councillors and council staff.

Elections are due

AN ELECTION is set for Whitchurch Town Council over the next two months after the resignation of three councillors.

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THIS week is National Adoption Week, and authorities are asking more people of Basingstoke and Hampshire to consider adopting children.

Hampshire County Council (HCC) is wanting for those who may be considering adoption to contact the Adoption and Fostering Service for more information.



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tion.

At any one time HCC can be looking for adoptive parents for up to 60 children who have become separated from their birth families.

In the past year, HCC has arranged 61 successful adoptions and is keen to hear from anyone over 21 who believes they

can offer a child or sibling group a loving and supportive family for life.

Councillor Keith Mans, executive lead member for Children's Services, said: "We welcome enquiries from those of all sections of the community who feel they are able to offer a child the care and support they need."

"There are many misconceptions about who can and cannot adopt. Don't think, for example, that if you are over 45 years of age, in a same sex relationship, single

or don't own your home that you are not eligible to adopt.

"Like the children, every adoptive family is different. What is more important to us is finding people who can help a child recover from the reasons why they came in to care and can help them go on to flourish."

"Being a parent is richly rewarding. Children across Hampshire need families who can open their home and their hearts to care for, nurture and support them for the rest of their lives."

"Finding the right homes for Hampshire children and supporting our adopters is our priority. We consider all enquiries on an individual basis and are keen to hear from anyone who feels they have what it takes to be an adoptive parent."

People can receive their information pack by calling 0845 603 5620 or going online to www.hants.gov.uk/adoption.

There are an estimated 4,000 children across the UK in need of adoption every year.

Hospital set to offer free mouth cancer walk-in clinic

BASINGSTOKE and North Hampshire Hospital is staging a free walk-in clinic on Wednesday for anyone concerned about mouth cancer.

Consultant oral and maxillofacial surgeon Mike Bater will be running the clinic from 2.30pm until 4pm at the hospital's department of oral and facial surgery.

Mr Bater said: "Mouth cancer can kill and is often detected late. I highly recommend anyone experiencing any of the symptoms to attend the walk-in clinic for an examination."

"No appointment is needed, simply turn up to see a specialist. We will be able to reassure you or help you get the treatment you need."

A specialist doctor will examine everyone who attends the walk-in clinic and provide them with advice about mouth care.

Last year, 11 people attended the walk in clinic and three were referred for further investigation.

In 2011, 20 patients attended the clinic and five were referred for further investigation. For information visit: www.mouthcancerfoundation.org.

Teen wanted after Basingstoke stabbing

DETECTIVES are stepping up their efforts to find a teenager wanted in connection with an attempted murder in Basingstoke last week.

Jamie Rogers, 19, from Basingstoke, is wanted by police investigating a stabbing that occurred during the early hours of Sunday, October 27.

A 19-year-old man suffered serious injuries during an altercation in Pinkerton Road, near to the Aldworth Science College.

Detective Constable Dan Leese, from Basingstoke CID, said: "We urgently want to speak to Jamie Rogers about this incident."

"Officers have been carrying out extensive enquiries to find him, but we are now appealing for the public's help."

"If you know where he is, please call us."

"I would also appeal directly to Jamie and encourage him to contact the police."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Basingstoke CID on 101 or call the Crimestoppers charity anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Meanwhile, three other men have been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder.

Two Basingstoke men, 27 and 23, and a 28-year-old man from London have been bailed until December pending further enquiries.



• Jamie Rogers is wanted by Hampshire Constabulary

Council - Stop Means Stop!

HAMPSHIRE County Council's Road Safety Team is urging road users to remember 'Stop Means Stop' and to respect the county's School Crossing Patrols.

The County Council's Road Safety Team is advising motorists of the importance of School Crossing Patrols and that they help adults as well as children.

The campaign aims to reduce the number of incidents where drivers are reluctant to stop for School Crossing Patrols.

Hampshire County Council's executive member for

Economy, Transport and Environment, Councillor Sean Woodward, said: "Although the majority of drivers respect the work carried out by the patrols, there is still a small but significant number who ignore the law, abuse the service and put the lives of children and the patrols at risk. Not only is it dangerous for drivers to ignore a School Crossing Patrol, but it is also against the law and they risk a penalty fine of up to £1,000 and three points on their licence."

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Red carpet event 'an inspiring experience'

The Red Carpet Screenings event took place at Central Studio. Here, Tristan Noon reviews proceedings for the Observer.

CENTRAL Studio once again played host to the Red Carpet Screenings event, compered by its founder, Seb Hall.

The event saw an eclectic display of films by a variety of different film makers situated across the whole of the UK.

The festival got off to a swift start with the festival's guest panelists, Rebekah Louisa Smith (The Film Festival Doctor) and Geoff Harmer of Fraught Productions.

Both provided extremely useful and invaluable feedback for the film makers at the end of the evening.

The evening began in style with the first episode of the new web-series 'Today, Tomorrow' written and directed by Daniel Estevez Garcia and produced by Anna Kelly.

This piece had highly distinctive qualities and looked like it would fit perfectly in art house,

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using mostly sound/lighting to portray the downbeat mood.

'No Pressure' by 4six3 Productions was another short film that impressed. In December 2012 it was chosen as the winner of the National Nativity Factor competition from ITN and Jerusalem Productions.

The film's creators Nick Willoughby and Sarah Robinson are currently in the process of editing a new series called 'Walk With Jay', which is an educational resource (aimed at 7-12 year olds) for church leaders and parents, due to be released late 2013/early 2014.

Arguably one of the best films of the evening was 'Picture Perfect' directed by Irina Izmetieva and produced by Rebecca Knapp. The film was expertly shot and edited and told a brilliant love story of an older generation, which goes against the dominant ideologies of teen love stories in modern block-



Red Carpet Screenings founder Seb Hall (left) (Picture by Phillip Hall)

busters.

Another art house short film that I was totally astounded by, was 'Samson and Delilah' by Jessica Hughes and VV Brown. The film is an art house interpretation of 'Samson and Delilah', the biblical story. The quality of the

footage was immediately visible, and the whole production acts somewhere between a film and a music video.

Once again, the Red Carpet Screenings film festival did not disappoint. It is the perfect event for networking, and film

makers are able to get a closer look at their competitors. It's an inspiring experience, and if you're a film fanatic who hasn't been yet - you're missing a brilliant opportunity to watch and get involved in such a superb, friendly community.

Fire service to strike again

HAMPSHIRE Fire and Rescue service is set to strike again after union talks with the government over workers pensions broke down once more.

It will take place on Wednesday, between 10am and 2pm.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service had thanked the public for helping them to minimise 999 calls during recent strike action by firefighters.

The Fire Brigades Union's (FBU) latest two-hour round of industrial action ended at 8am on Monday morning, after a four-and-a-half hour strike on Friday night.

The Service maintained more than 50 per cent of its level of cover during the strike periods, with the majority of vehicles crewed by retained firefighters and operational staff not based on fire stations.

Assistant Chief Officer Bob Ratcliffe said: "We dealt with relatively few incidents during the strike periods and we would like to thank all members of our communities for taking extra care during the recent industrial action."

"All of our fire fighting crews are now back on duty and providing full emergency cover to the residents of Hampshire."

Fire Brigades Union general secretary, Matt Wrack, added: "The next step forward for pension negotiations is simple and achievable."

"If the government is serious about firefighters being protected from being sacked without access to their pensions as it claims to be, why won't it draft the pension regulations accordingly?"



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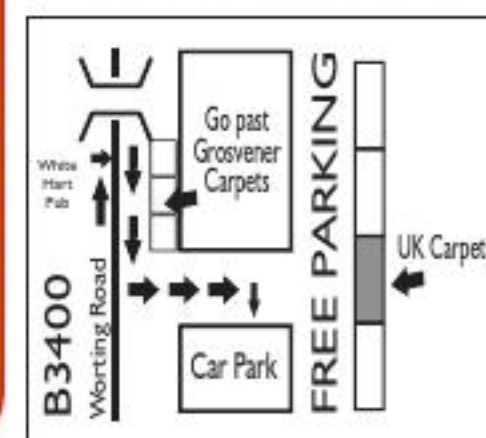


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A new man in the hot seat



• Group Captain Richard Maddison (right) takes over from Group Captain Dominic Toriati at RAF Odiham and (Inset) GC Maddison in full uniform

A NEW station commander has taken charge at RAF Odiham.

Group Captain Richard Maddison, 43, a former Puma helicopter pilot from Hartlepool, assumed command of RAF Odiham and the RAF Chinook force on October 25.

He succeeds Group Captain Dominic Toriati, who moves on to higher staff training at the Defence Academy in Shrivenham.

Group Captain Maddison said: "It is a tremendous honour to take command of RAF Odiham at such an important time, as we continue to support enduring operations in Afghanistan as they draw to a close, whilst also focusing on moving to an age of short term, no notice operations around the world, answering the call for assistance from wherever it may rise.

"While the Chinook is an incredibly capable aircraft, I have been

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most impressed by the dedication, commitment and professionalism of our service and civilian staff, and of the outstanding support we receive both locally and nationally."

"I thoroughly look forward to the new challenges this tour will present, whilst also building on the progression that the Chinook Force and RAF Odiham have shown since the aircraft's introduction to service in 1981."

Group Captain Toriati said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at RAF Odiham, working with some of the most adaptable aircraft, equipment and people the RAF has to offer.

"I wish Group Captain Maddison the best of luck for his tour."

Majority of patients give a big thumbs-up to their cancer care

AN OVERWHELMING number of cancer patients in Basingstoke and Hampshire have ranked the level of care they received as 'excellent' or 'very good'.

A recent survey found that 93 per cent of the 621 patients surveyed were extremely satisfied with the way they were treated by the NHS in Hampshire.

The National Cancer Patient Survey was carried out by Quality Health – an organisation specialising in measuring patients' experiences of hospital services.

Hampshire Hospitals chief executive Mary Edwards said: "Our staff are committed to providing excellent care to ensure every patient's journey through this worrying time

is as comfortable as possible.

"There are still improvements that can be made and we continuously strive to improve our services.

"For example, we are planning to create a new cancer treatment centre in the north of Hampshire, which will provide a number of high-quality cancer services closer to patients' homes, as well as information, advice and support for patients and their families."

The Foundation Trust was also placed in the top 20 per cent of trusts in England for giving complete explanations of the purpose of diagnostic tests, and for clinical nurse specialists giving understandable answers to important questions.

Body found in River Kennett

A BODY found in a river on Friday is thought to be that of a Basingstoke man who went missing last week.

Steven Stringer, 62, went missing while fishing on the side of the River Kennett near Whigmore Lane in Theale, West Berkshire on October 25.

The body was recovered near Sulhamstead on Friday at around midday.

It is understood Thames Valley Police are not treating the death as suspicious at this moment in time, but are treating it as unexplained.

The family of Mr Stringer have been informed, and a formal identification of the body is set to take place.



• A body found in the River Kennett this week is believed to be that of 62-year-old Basingstoke man Steven Stringer (Picture courtesy of Thames Valley Police)



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Wind farm exhibitions to take place

RESIDENTS can attend further public exhibitions to find out the latest information on proposed plans for a new wind farm.

EDF Energy Renewables is holding two public exhibitions to update residents on its application for a new wind farm on a site near Bullington Cross.

The company submitted a planning application for a 14 turbine, 28MW wind farm on the site earlier this year.

Since then the planning officers at Winchester City Council, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Test Valley Borough Council have asked for clarification on a number of issues raised during their public consultation.

This information is being provided to the councils and EDF Energy Renewables is also making these details available for public.

The events will be held at Whitchurch Parish Hall on November 15 (1.00pm - 7.00pm) and Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney on November 16 (12 noon - 5.00pm).

Darren Cuming, onshore wind development manager at EDF Energy Renewables, said: "All the site investigation work undertaken at the Bullington Cross site continues to confirm our belief that the location has good potential for wind farm development. "These events are intended to let members of the public know what sort of additional site information has been requested and how we are responding."

Major retail outlet set for Basing View

BOSSES have given the go-ahead for a major new retail outlet in Basing View.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Basing View development partner Muse has announced contracts have been signed with The John Lewis Partnership to deliver a £200million 78,000 square foot combined Waitrose and John Lewis at Home store.

In addition a detailed planning submission has now been submitted to the borough council.

The combined John Lewis at Home and Waitrose store will add a retail element to the Basing View regeneration scheme, which aims to create around 650,000sqft of new commercial development over 15 acres.

Ultimately, it will include a mix of new office space, a business class hotel and other supporting facilities.

Mike Auger, regional director for Muse, said: "This is fantastic news for Basing View. The combined John Lewis and Waitrose store will be only the second of its kind in the UK and a great anchor for the scheme."

"We now await the decision by the planning committee

By James Booker

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very early next year and following a successful outcome we would hope to be on site in the spring."

Nigel Keen, property director for the John Lewis Partnership, added: "Although there is still a long way to go this is an important step forward and brings us closer to realising a long-standing ambition to bring both our brands to Basingstoke."

Deputy leader of the borough council Cllr Ranil Jayawardena, who is leading on the Basing View project, said: "As the landowner, we welcome this further step forward in bringing such high profile retailers to Basingstoke, as part of the Basing View regeneration."

"This will be a significant additional draw to the town centre and shows the confidence of major companies in our area's future success."

The public were recently invited to attend a consultation event, where they could view the plans and submit feedback on the proposed scheme.

An overwhelming 99 per cent supported the plans for a first phase and wider regeneration aspirations for Basing View.

Black cats 'take longer to get re-homed'

UNWANTED black cats traditionally take longer to re-home than their feline friends.

That's the view of the Basingstoke and District Branch of Cats Protection, who held their Black Cat Day last Thursday (October 31).

This was to encourage more people to give homes to black cats.

Four-year-old Archie and Charlie, pictured, are just two of the black or black and white cats that are proving difficult to find homes for.

The nationwide campaign was a success last year, and took place at all 257 Cat Protection branches around the UK, as well as its 30 volunteer centres.

Hilary Wells, the charity's branch co-ordinator in Basingstoke, said: "Once favoured by storytellers in tales of magic and witchcraft, black cats have developed an undeserved bad reputation that is still bubbling away."

"However, at Cats Protection we are standing up for the 'under-cat' and asking people to remember that fur colour is only skin deep and to really consider taking a black cat into their home."

Cat Protection centres look after around 6,200 unwanted cats and kittens around the country.

To find out more, or to offer a black or black and white cat a home, call the Basingstoke and District Branch on 0845 177 1364.



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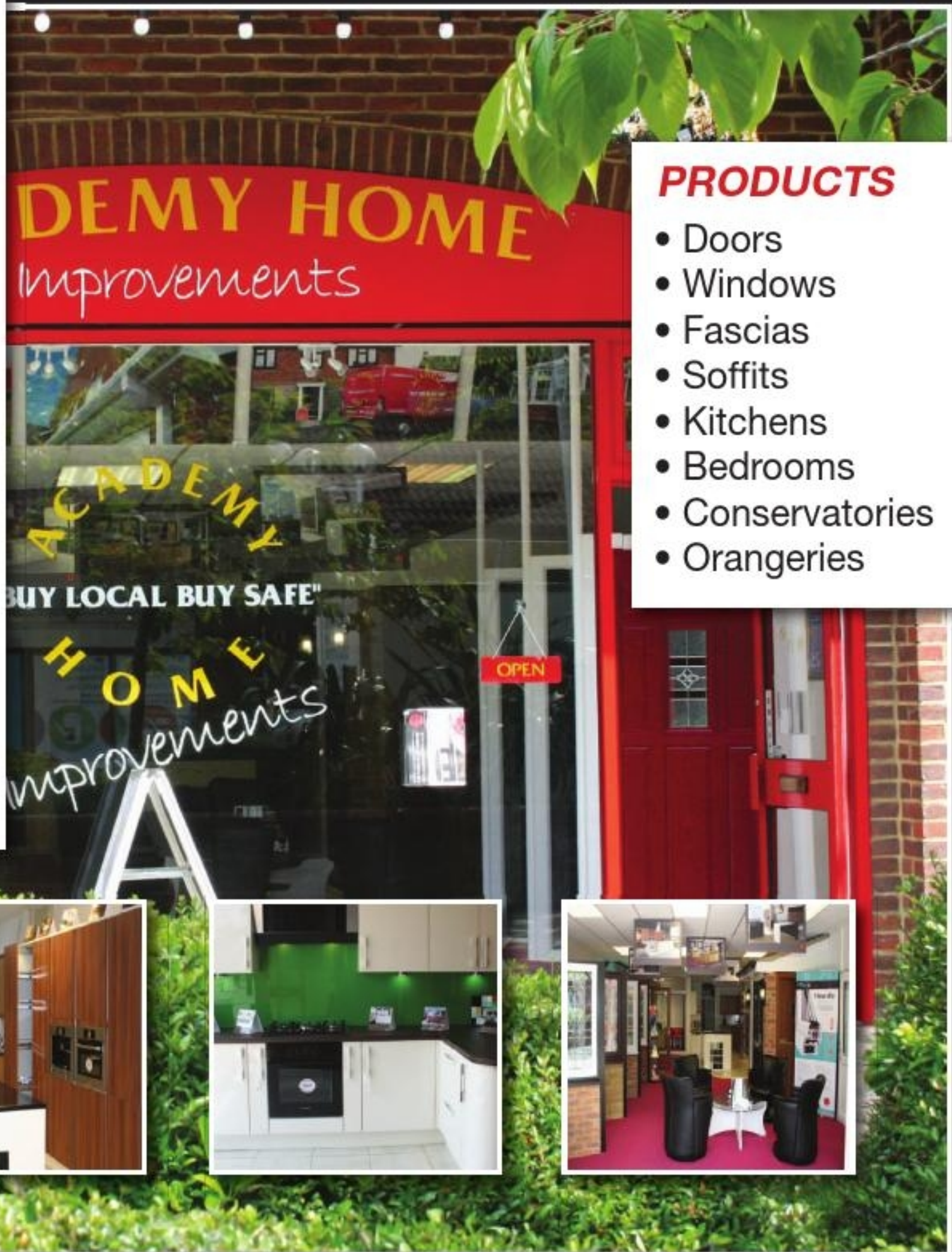
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'There is no risk to the wider public'

A 25-YEAR-OLD man has been released on bail after being arrested on suspicion of attempted murder.

The man, from Basingstoke, was being held in connection with an incident where another man was taken to hospital with gunshot wounds.

The 29-year-old victim suffered injuries to his legs and buttocks.

He remains in hospital and is being treated for his injuries, which are not life threatening.

Detectives from the Hampshire Major Investigation Team are continuing with their investigation into the incident, which is believed to have occurred in Bennett Close during the evening of Friday, October 25.

Detective Inspector Stephen Spencer, who is leading the investigation, said: "Since becoming aware of the incident we have been conducting many enquiries in the area to establish the exact circumstances of what has happened."

"The information we have so far suggests this was an isolated, targeted attack and there is no risk to the wider public."

"I'd like to thank everyone who has assisted us so far with our investigations."

"I would also ask anyone who has any information and hasn't yet spoken to us to get in touch."

The suspect is on bail until January 27, pending further police enquiries.

Top of the Town 'set to get free parking'

By James Booker

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RESIDENTS could soon get free parking in areas of Basingstoke after new plans were unveiled by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

Plans proposed by the council's Conservatives will see 30 minutes free parking introduced at all short stay car parks in Top of the Town.

The measures need approval from the council as part of the forthcoming budget.

Cllr Cathy Osselson, the cabinet member responsible for car parking, said: "We've been adamant across the borough about being cheaper than our competition, those within the town and the towns nearby."

"We know people need to come in to the Top of the Town and we know residents' budgets are stretched."

"We are saying if you need to come to the post office or bank to pick up your pension or pay a bill, we don't want to be charging you to park your car."

"We're also saying if you're coming in to the Top of the Town to visit the range of shops on offer, don't worry, the first 30 minutes is on us."

"This is just one of the ways

that we are proposing to support our small shops and businesses as they struggle with competition from the internet and people spending less as they tighten their belts."

BDBC deputy leader, Cllr Ranil Jayawardena, said residents had made it clear free parking was one of the main reasons they shopped in certain areas.

Cllr Jayawardena is also the executive member responsible for the town's ongoing regeneration projects.

"I've listened to people across North Hampshire who've told me that free parking is important to them when choosing where to shop," he said.

"The move to 30 minutes free parking is just part of our support for the area's economy, creating more jobs and keeping costs down for hardworking people."

"This follows the great news of investment from Waitrose and John Lewis." [See full story on page eight].

"It's a clear sign that our commitment to the local economy is working - and that we're ensuring Basingstoke is a place to be proud of," he added.

Do not become invisible - register now!

OVER a third of the borough's residents risk losing their voice in decisions that affect them as they have not registered to vote, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has warned.

Registration forms went out to the 72,000 homes in the borough

at the start of October, with 63 per cent being returned.

The council said this figure is 'good' for a first mail out, but is keen to ensure that no-one loses their vote and has launched a 'don't be invisible' campaign to remind residents to send back their slips.

Residents need to be on the electoral register to be able to vote at the borough council and European elections in May 2014.

Everyone 18 or over, or due to turn 18 in the next two years, currently living at an address in the borough who is British, Irish, European or a qualifying Commonwealth citizen should register.

Karen Brimacombe, electoral registration officer for Borough of Basingstoke and Deane, said: "It's simple to register, all you have to do is respond to the annual canvass form you were sent and you'll be able to help choose the people that make the decisions which affect your everyday life."

The new register of electors will be published February 2014.

The government is replacing the current voter registration system with a new Individual Registration system in 2014 and the register must be as up to date as possible before the new system is in place. For more information call 01256 845355.

• Karen Brimacombe, the borough council's electoral registration officer



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Lottery results

ST MICHAEL'S Hospice has announced the results of its lottery draw from November 1.

Oakley ticket number 54224 took the first prize of £1,000, second prize went to 71804 of Basingstoke, third prize of £50 was awarded to 81396 of Old Basing and fourth prize of £20 went to 47301 of Kempshott.

Sixteen prizes of £5 are awarded to tickets 06483, 15925, 16670, 22614, 27622, 37026, 38258, 41606, 43184, 56030, 62019, 62724, 70993, 76105, 88976 and 95005.

Woman, 91, freed

A 91-YEAR-OLD woman was cut free from her car last Thursday after it collided with another vehicle and ended up in a ditch.

Crews from Basingstoke Fire Station released the woman after the incident on the A33 Reading Road near the Duke of Wellington Monument at 9.45am.

She was taken to hospital with facial injuries, but was not believed to be seriously hurt. The male driver of the other car involved suffered bruising.

Lane closures

LANES will be closed today and tomorrow on Junction 8 of the M3 for Basingstoke as a structural inspection is taking place.

The southbound carriageway is shut today, with drivers using the hard shoulder and restricted to 50mph.

Tomorrow will see the same apply for the northbound carriageway at the junction.

Home secretary lauds 'Stoke medical team

By James Booker

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A MEDICAL team based in Basingstoke and around Hampshire were presented with a special award by the home secretary last night.

The Hampshire Hospitals' NHS Foundation Trust Rheumatology team was given a Healthcare Champion award by Theresa May at the Houses of Parliament ceremony.

Ms May is a patron of the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society (NRAS) - who gave out 10 Healthcare Champion awards to teams from around the UK.

The team were nominated for their 'outstanding service' by patient-led Basingstoke and Winchester NRAS Group.

They were selected from more than 60 rheumatology nominations nationwide.

Rheumatology specialist practitioner Cathy Boys, who was selected by the patient group to receive the award on behalf of the team, said: "The whole Rheumatology team are delighted to be receiving this award."

"We work hard to deliver a high quality, patient centred service."

"This award highlights good team collaboration and it's

a pleasure to know that our patients appreciate the service we provide."

Lead co-ordinator of The Basingstoke and Winchester NRAS Group, Marion Woods, said: "Nominating the Rheumatology team at Hampshire Hospitals was a way of thanking and showing our appreciation for everyone."

"Not just the nurses and doctors but also to all those staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes to provide a fantastic service."

"We are so pleased that they have gone on to win the award. There are so many negative stories about the NHS in the media, but this really highlights the amazing work our local hospital staff put in."

Chief executive of Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Mary Edwards, added: "Congratulations to the Rheumatology team for their Healthcare Champions award!"

"It is without a doubt well-deserved and is a testament to the dedication and hard work that all of our staff put in to ensure high-quality services for our patients."

Government art talk at Discovery Centre



BASINGSTOKE'S Discovery Centre is the venue for a unique talk on the history of art in the British government.

Government Art Collection (GAC) curator Chantal Condon will share stories and facts and answer questions about the works.

Works of art from the Government Art Collection (GAC) are displayed in UK government buildings in nearly every capital city, making it the most dispersed collection of British art in the world.

The collection, which dates from 1898, contains over 13,500 works of art from the 16th century to the present day by mainly British artists.

The talk begins at 2pm and tickets are £3 per person. Advance booking is recommended.

Visit www.hants.gov.uk/bsdc or call 01256 478670 for full details and more information about the talk.

• A GAC collection painting of Lord Byron on oil canvas dating from 1813 by Thomas Phillips

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'80s night at the Anvil

Ha Ha Holmes!

A COMEDY performance of Sherlock Holmes starring Joe Pasquale comes to The Anvil on Saturday, with Ha Ha Holmes and the Hound of the Baskervilles.

Ben Langley stars as Doctor Watson and Andrew Fettes plays everyone else. The show starts at 7.30pm, and for more information, go to www.anvilarts.org.uk.

Jon Walsh and his Blues Band

SINGER and guitarist Jon Walsh and his Blues Band come to Central Studio on Saturday evening, for a mix of solo music and songs with the rest of the group.

The Jon Walsh Blues Band enjoys a reputation of being one of the most talented real blues groups on the UK circuit, and will be performing songs from Jon's debut album 'Old New Borrowed and Blue'.

Tickets cost £12 for an 8pm start. Go to www.centralstudio.co.uk or call 01256 418318.

By Adam Flinn

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EIGHTIES legends Go West, Hue and Cry and The Christians celebrate their illustrious careers at The Anvil on Wednesday evening, with each playing a selection of their classic hits.

All three have joined forces for the first time ever, and promise three unique shows during the course of the evening.

Merseyside stars The Christians are back with a new line-up, with hits including 'Harvest for the World', 'Forgotten Town' and 'Ideal World'.

Lead singer Garry Christian said: "This is something new for us as we've never actually been on stage with any other group, so it's kind of a three-header in a way."

"It's three separate shows, so we're just going to treat it like a mini festival in a way."

"I think it was Go West's manager who said 'wouldn't it be a great idea to do a tour with Hue and Cry and us. We were really happy about that, we weren't doing anything else before



Garry Christian and band come to Basingstoke on Wednesday

Christmas, so great.

"Hopefully people won't have just come out to see Go West and Hue and Cry, but some of the audience have come to see us as well!"

Garry is the only member remaining from the original line-up, and is now joined by Mike Triggs, Lionel Duke, Neil

Griffiths, Joey Ankrah and Cliff Watson.

"Originally there was only three of us, then there was two and then there was one, which is me," said Garry.

"The musicians around us back in the day were friends from Liverpool, who were great friends but not that great musical-wise,

so we just went out there and had a laugh.

"Now I've got serious musicians around me who can also sing, and it's just a great band."

Wednesday's show starts at 7.45pm, and tickets start from £27.50. For more information and to book, go to www.anvilarts.org.uk or phone 01256 844244.

Music of Bremen

PUPPET theatre comes to the Bordon Phoenix on Saturday afternoon, with a performance of The Musicians of Bremen.

A worn out toy donkey, a pull along dog, a one-eyed cat and a mechanical cockerel face being thrown away by their owner, so decide to run away to Bremen Town to try their luck as musicians instead.

The show is suitable for children aged three and over, and starts at 2pm. For more details, go to www.phoenixarts.co.uk or call 01420 472664.

Laughterhouse

BASINGSTOKE-BASED comedy club Jan Jack's Laughterhouse returns this evening, with a stand-up performance from former Big Breakfast presenter Paul Tonkinson.

He has made a number of television appearances in the past, including Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, Live at Jongleurs and Comic Relief does Fame Academy.

It takes place at the Red Lion Hotel, and the show starts at 8.15pm. For more information, go to www.laughter-house.co.uk.

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He added: At Fastfit we offer hourly rates which are some of the best in Basingstoke. No job is beyond us and we are quite simply a one-stop shop and more besides. Whether it's an entire engine overhaul or just tweaking the brakes, we will do it, and do it well."

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Bootleg's back in town

Rhythm Kings

LEGENDARY former Rolling Stones bassist Bill Wyman comes to The Anvil with the Rhythm Kings tomorrow night, which sees him return to his musical roots.

Performing a mix of classic rhythm and blues that first inspired Wyman to pick up the guitar as a teenager, the show promises to be a popular event.

The Musical Continuum

MUSIC students at Queen Mary's College bring to Central Studio their new show The Musical Continuum, which takes place on Tuesday.

The show features a range of different music from varying periods and genres, which create and are part of the musical continuum.

Tickets cost £5.10 for a 7.30pm start. Go to www.centralstudio.co.uk or phone 01256 418318 to book.

BASINGSTOKE is set to go back in time, as The Overtures bring their Bootleg Sixties UK tour to The Anvil on Sunday.

All of the big names from one of the most popular decades in music will feature in the two-hour show, including hits from the Beatles, Pink Floyd and The Who.

The Overtures' drummer Steve Phypers thinks that the continuing popularity of sixties music is due to the fact there is such a differing variety of styles.

He said: "The music is just wonderfully creative. You had so many different types of music in the 1960s, you're allowed to get away with so many different things."

"You'd have Keith West and his opera, you'd have the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, the Beach Boys, so many different things, and our show's got so many different artists."

"We could probably do another hour, and someone would come

By Adam Flinn

adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

up and say 'you didn't play such and such', but at the end of the day there's only so much time, but we try and cover as many as we can.

"It's just lovely, lovely music, we've grown up with it, and it's so good and diverse."

As well as Steve, the rest of the band is made up of Den Pugsley on bass, Chris Skomia on keyboards, and guitarists Jamie Cook and Phil Evans.

They have performed alongside big names including Elton John, Paul McCartney and Bob Geldof, and have a repertoire of more than 400 songs to choose from for each show.

"It's very difficult to choose which ones to use," Steve added. "As long as you keep the songs popular, keep the artists with the big names, and have a bit of something interesting in there as well."

The show begins at 7.30pm, and tickets start from £21.50. To book, go to www.anvilarts.org.uk or call 01256 844244.



• (From left) Den Pugsley, Phil Evans, Steve Phypers, Jamie Cook and Chris Skomia come to Basingstoke on Sunday

Sound of Music

BASINGSTOKE'S Amateur Theatrical Society presents The Sound of Music, being performed at The Haymarket from Wednesday.

The heart-warming family show features all the favourites including 'My Favourite Things', 'Edelweiss' and the famous title song 'The Sound of Music'.

Shows run from Wednesday until November 23, and start at 7.15pm with additional weekend performances available. For ticket details and a full list of start times, go to www.anvilarts.org.uk or call 01256 844244.

Come and see 3 Daft Monkeys

CORNISH electric-folk group 3 Daft Monkeys come to The Railway, Winchester, on Tuesday, as part of a UK tour to promote their latest album 'Of Stones and Bones'.

Made up of Tim Ashton, Athene Roberts and Lukas Drinkwater, the trio will be performing hits from their new album as well as favourites from their previous five studio releases.

For more details, go to www.railwaylive.co.uk or call 01962 867795.

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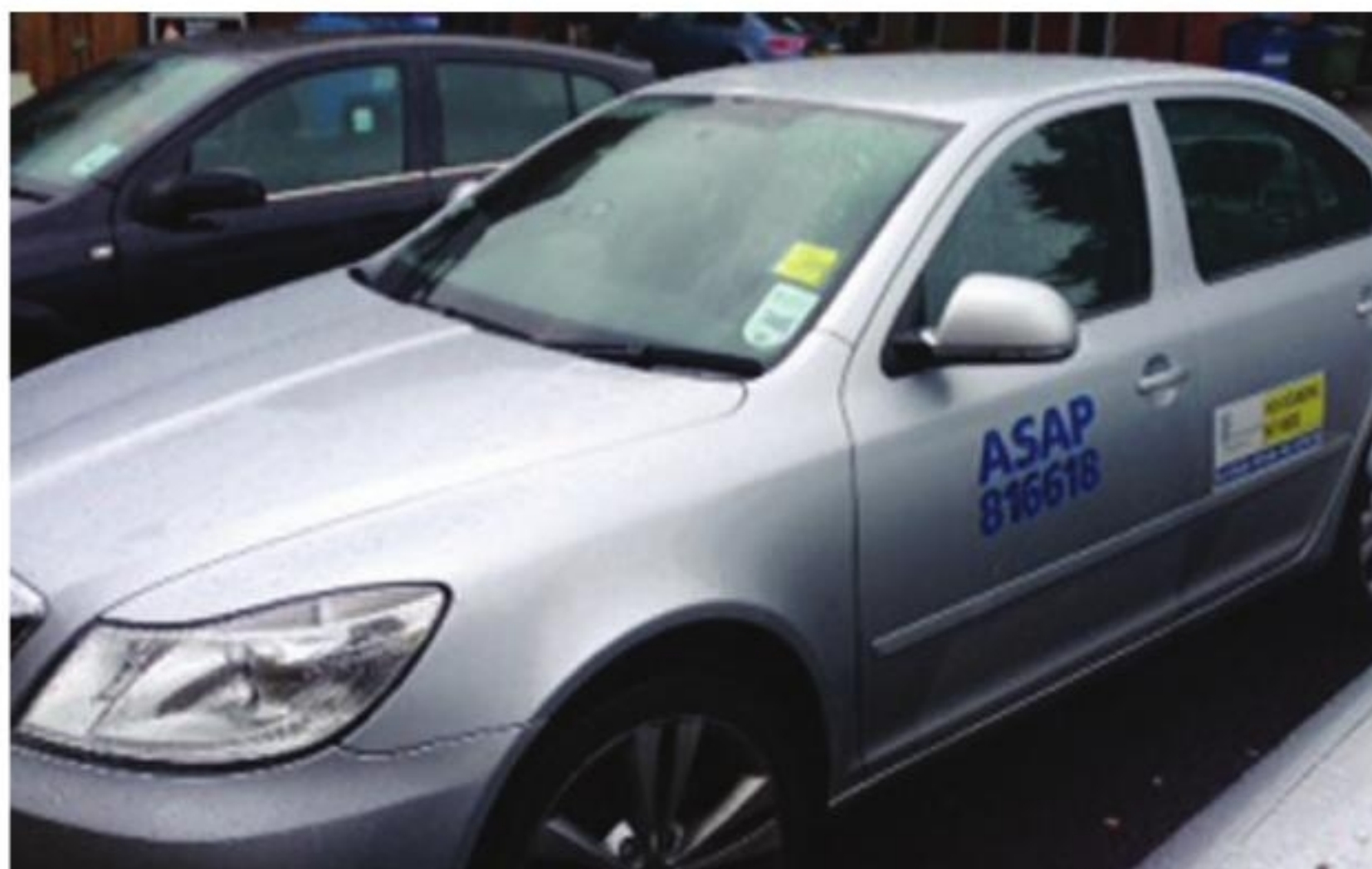
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7 November Farnham, Maltings AS YOU LIKE IT

Directed by Douglas Rintoul, this popular favourite among William Shakespeare's comedies sees Rosalind, banished from her homeland, journey into the wild depths of the forest to find her exiled father.
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7 November, 7:45pm The Anvil BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Bartok's late piano concerto is the most lyrical of his three, with a hymn-like slow movement interrupted by the sounds of the countryside at night, and a vigorous, Hungarian-flavoured finale.
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8 November, 7:30pm Central Studio Queen Mary's College

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8 November, 7:30pm The Anvil

BILL WYMAN'S RHYTHM KINGS

Rock and roll icon, author, restaurateur, - legendary former Rolling Stones bassist Wyman has seen it all and continues to live life to the full. His musical rebirth as the driving force behind the fabulous Rhythm Kings has taken him back to his musical roots. This set of virtuoso musicians superbly bring back to life the kind of classic rhythm and blues that first inspired Wyman to pick up the guitar as a teenager.
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8 November Pamber Heath Memorial Hall SPOTS TADLEY/PAMBER HEATH (YOUTH CLUB - PART OF SPOTLIGHT)

Session 1 for reception to year 2 children 4.30-5.30 £2. session 2 for year 3 to year 6 kids 5.30-7 £2.50. Please contact Debbie 07963 496 436, or Michaela 07804880072 to book a place. Themes this term: Tell the Time, Harry Potter, Bugs/Insects/ Reptiles, Zoo, Christmas.

9 November, 8pm Central Studio Queen Mary's College

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9 November, 7:30pm The Anvil

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10 November, 5:55pm Farnham Maltings Association PUCCINI: TOSCA

The third of The Met: Live in HD broadcasts this season is Luc Bondy's production of Tosca, starring Patricia Racette and Roberto Alagna in the roles of Tosca and her lover Cavaradossi, with George Gagnidze as the corrupt, lustful Scarpia, and John Del Carlo in the role of the Sacristan.
www.farnhammaltings.com

10 November, 7:30pm The Anvil

THE BOOTLEG SIXTIES

The Bootleg Sixties encapsulates the essence of the sixties in this hit packed, epic two hour show. Pop music's greatest decade is brought back to life back to life with the classic fashion, newsreel and iconic video footage of the period, and including hits made famous by the biggest and best bands from the era.
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11 November, 2pm Basingstoke Discovery Centre

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12 November, 2pm Basingstoke Discovery Centre

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13 November, 7:45pm The Anvil

GO WEST, HUE & CRY AND THE CHRISTIANS

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15 November

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JIMMY CRICKET - VALUE FOR A TENNER SHOW

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15 November, 7:30pm - 9:30pm Central Studio, QMC, Basingstoke

JIMMY CRICKET COMEDY SHOW

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16 November, 11am

Central Studio Queen Mary's College

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16 November, 1pm - 3:30pm Basingstoke Discovery Centre

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17 November, 8:15pm The Forge

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17 November, 8pm The Anvil

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A self-confessed "miserable old git" since the age of 23, Ed Byrne is now in his forties. While for others this might result in a crisis that prompts the purchase of a sports car, Ed embraces middle age with open arms.
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19 November, 7:30pm The Anvil

STEVE HARLEY AND COCKNEY REBEL

In the set, Steve will include most of the hits, such as Sebastian, Judy Teen, Mr Soft, Love's A Prima Donna, as well as the perennial favourite, Make Me Smile (Come Up And See Me).
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22 November, 7:30pm Central Studio Queen Mary's College

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22 November, 7:30pm The Anvil

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22 November, 7:30pm
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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

- 1 Solid (11)
- 9 Pot (3)
- 10 Aowed (9)
- 11 Drive back (5)
- 13 Unaffected (7)
- 14 State of insensibility (6)
- 16 Sober (6)
- 18 Work (7)
- 19 View (5)
- 20 Self evident (9)
- 21 Be in debt (3)
- 22 Given a second treatment (11)

Quick Clues Down

- 2 Vase (3)
- 3 Part of a flower (5)
- 4 Total (6)
- 5 Supporting framework (7)
- 6 People of a European country (9)
- 7 Capable of operation (11)
- 8 Debased (11)
- 12 Period of freedom from war (9)
- 15 Fascinating person (7)
- 17 Feverish (6)
- 19 Faults (5)
- 21 Poem (3)

Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Swindles about surrendering privileges (11)
- 9 It's wrong to take a seat (3)
- 10 Guardian who practises extortion? (9)
- 11 Descriptive of an egg head? (5)
- 13 Food to roast in the melting pot (7)
- 14 Kittens make a mess (6)
- 16 Am, alas, to give author greeting (6)
- 18 Looped the loop? (7)
- 19 Steer round to alter the jewels (5)
- 20 Meaning it's fashionable to take to nursing (9)
- 21 For example, nothing makes one selfish (3)
- 22 Starve under the soldiers of fortune (11)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 2 Boats can carry grain (3)
- 3 Dealt with robbing the priest (5)
- 4 Pushes along and purges drastically (6)
- 5 Give it rein - a condition of sloth may emerge (7)
- 6 Natal is no different for its own citizens (9)
- 7 Comedy to your taste (2,3,4,2)
- 8 The effrontery of inferring a fact exists (11)
- 12 Took in that he must be more amusing than Edward? (9)
- 15 Understanding the alliance (7)
- 17 Without direction in this present day split (6)
- 19 He got the message (5)
- 21 Part of what the sinner repents of doing (3)

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Scribble space

Last week's solutions

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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Sentimental 9 Odd 10 Education 11 Samba
13 Seepage 14 Quaint 16 Strive 18 Endures 19 Tenet
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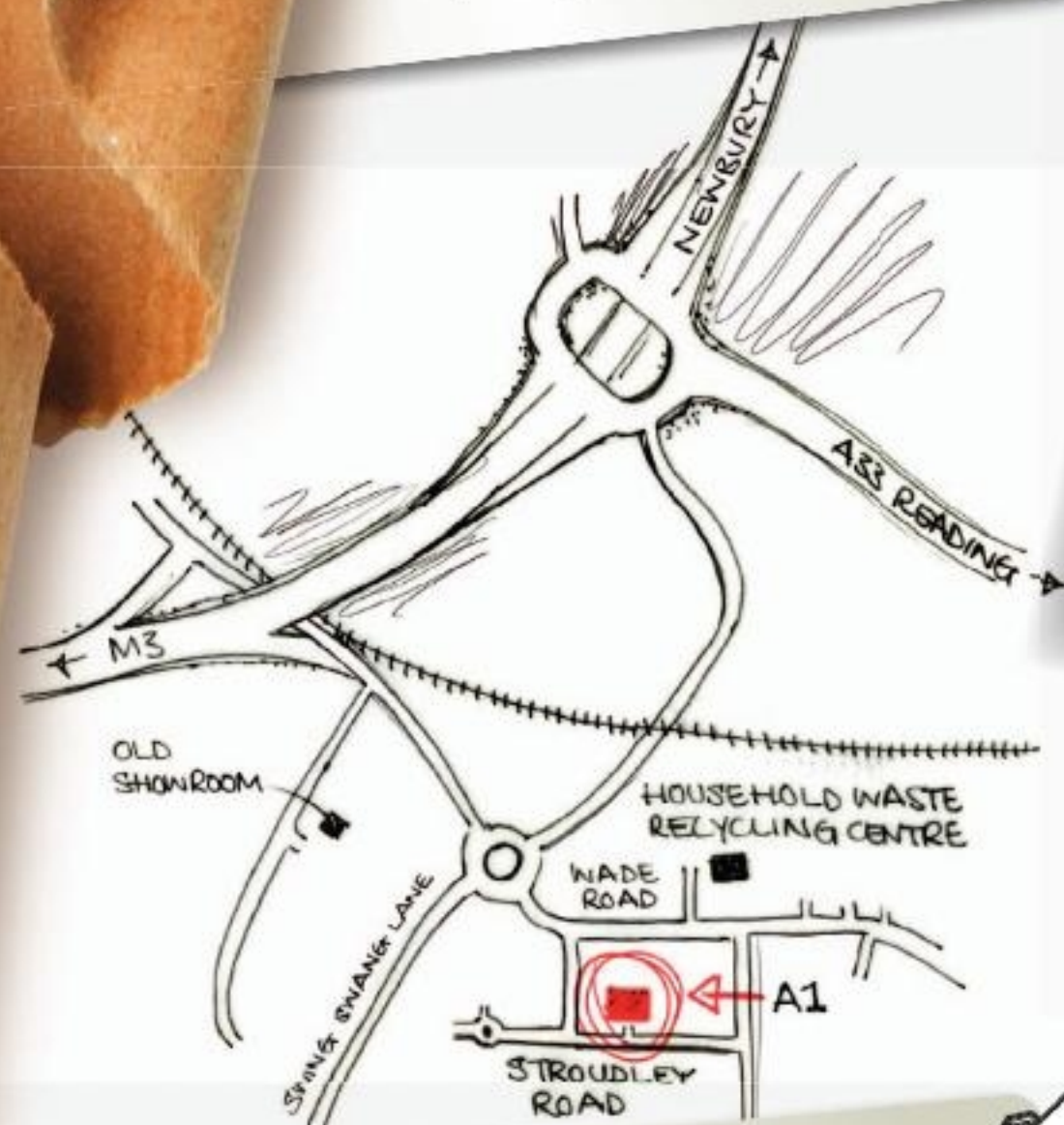
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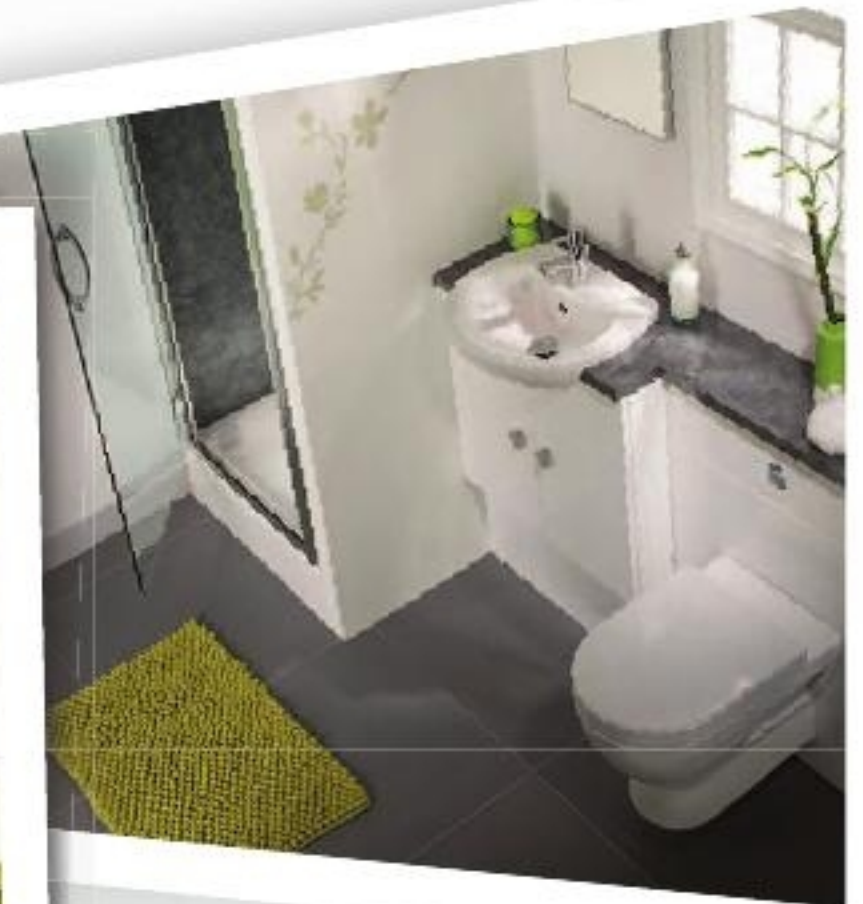
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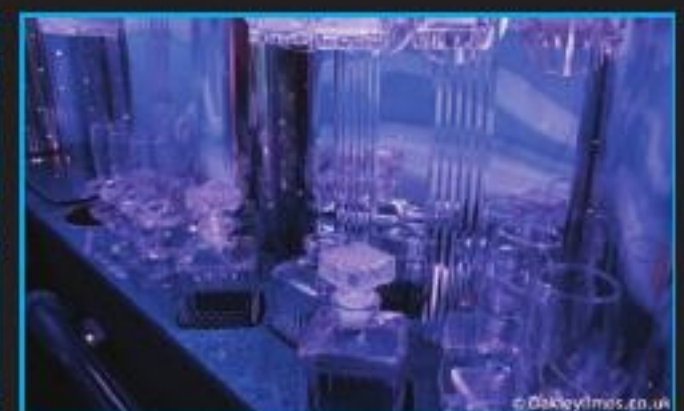
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The 'beefed-up' 2008 is based on the 208 supermini and shares its smaller sister's range of petrol and diesel engines.

There are four different trim levels: Access+, Active, Allure and Feline, with even base models getting aux-in connection, air-conditioning, electric and heated door mirrors and cruise control.

Inside you're greeted by a spacious and airy cabin (enhanced by glass panoramic roof) and a funky interior design. Headroom is plentiful, as is front legroom, but rear room is a bit more limited. Build quality is generally good, with the exception of a few patchy areas. Nice touches

REVIEW: PEUGEOT 2008 FELINE

By Philip Shoulder

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include a handbrake in the style of an aircraft throttle, metal gear knob and head-up driving dials surrounded with blue LED backlighting. The well-positioned and large infotainment touch screen certainly looks the part and it's easy to use main functions, but Bluetooth pairing and streaming from our Samsung Galaxy smart phone proved a bit fiddly.

Due to a high waistline and thick C-pillar, rear three-quarter vision is a bit restricted too. Parking sensors are standard, but a reversing camera would certainly be welcome.

On the road the 2008 feels much like the smaller 208 hatch; being agile, responsive and taught, yet supple enough to be comfortable. The light and fast steering allows for quick changes of direction. Brakes are beyond reproach,

being responsive and progressive.

The 115 bhp 1.6 litre oil-burner provides good performance coupled with frugality and low CO2 emissions, while the crisp and positive six-speed gearbox is a pleasure to use. A high top sixth gear and lack of intrusive road or engine noise also make for relaxed motorway cruising.

Feline spec cars are equipped with Peugeot's Grip Control System as standard. This advanced electronic traction control system is accompanied with Michelin mud and snow tyres.

Verdict:

The 2008 is a welcome replacement to the ageing 207 SW estate. Its 208 supermini underpinnings result in a sharp drive and the bigger body brings a useful increase in accommodation. These qualities outshine the car's drawbacks and along with a fair dose of French style, should ensure 2008 will hold its own in this highly competitive class.



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Sheppard's men continue excellent winning streak

'Stoke winning run is ended by CS Rugby

BASINGSTOKE RFC's winning run was brought to an end on Saturday, as they lost 51-38 on the road to CS Rugby in National League Three London.

'Stoke's opponents made the perfect start when full back James Houston scored a try two minutes into the match, with Scott Hadden getting the conversion.

Their lead quickly extended as Jon Webber picked up an unconverted try, before a converted penalty try followed at the 15-minute mark.

Losing 19-0, Basingstoke's fightback began when flanker Chris Kiernan scored a try, with fly-half Adam Davies getting and converting another to reduce the deficit to seven points.

But Webber was able to get another try for CS Rugby right at the end of the first half, leaving the score at 24-12 going into the break.

James Corker's men got right back into the game when they returned to the pitch, and tries from Karl Buttle, Tim Richards and another from Davies saw the visitors take the lead.

However it was not to be for Basingstoke, as Claude Springer and Hadden were able to boost their side's tally in the final five minutes, for a final result of 51-38.

Basingstoke are ninth in the 14-team league after eight games, with 16 points.

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BASINGSTOKE Bison continued their strong form as they picked up another two victories over the weekend, winning 5-2 in both matches against Peterborough Phantoms and Telford Tigers.

Saturday's game against the Phantoms got off to a strong start as Aaron Connolly found the net with a powerplay goal at 12:27.

Tomas Karpov was able to double Bison's lead six minutes later with another powerplay effort, as he collected Miroslav Vantroba's rebounded point shot.

But the Phantoms were able to get off the mark before the end of the first period, as former Bison Marcel Petran scored a blue line powerplay blast to reduce the deficit to one goal.

Within two minutes of the second period, Andy Melachrino restored Bison's two-goal lead, following a scramble in front of the Phantom's net.

Luke Ferrara again pulled one back for the visitors a minute later, before Joe Miller got the score to 4-2 just before the half hour mark.

Karpov got his second of the game at 36:49 as his backhand deflected in, with Connolly and Miller getting assists.

Both teams had chances in the third period, but there would be no more scoring and Bison ran out as 5-2 winners.

Bison travelled to Telford on Sunday for their match against the Tigers, and Karpov opened

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the scoring with the only goal in the opening period at 15:17.

The Tigers equalised with a powerplay goal courtesy of Timo Kuuluvainen, before Karpov restored Bison's lead to put the

score at 2-1 by the end of the second period.

It remained a close encounter until two quick goals from Joe Greener and Connolly just 14 seconds apart at the 54 minute mark ended the Tigers hopes of a win.

Nathan Salem was able to pull one back for the hosts, but Miller got Bison's fifth as he took advan-

tage of an empty net with seven seconds left on the clock.

Bison are third in the English Premier Ice Hockey League after this weekend's results, with 25 points from 16 games.

They next face Bracknell Bees in a home clash on Saturday, before making the trip to play Milton Keynes Lightning on Sunday.



Archibald edged out of European Tour despite strong start in qualifying

BASINGSTOKE-BASED golfer Stuart Archibald will have to wait another year to compete on the European Tour, as he failed to reach the final qualifying stage.

Archibald got off to a strong start in the second stage of qual-

ifying school at the Lumine Golf and Beach Club in Tarragona, Spain, as an opening round of 67 meant he was in the top 10.

But he fell back on day two, as a four over par round of 75 that included just one birdie returned his score to level par.

A six under par round of 65 put Archibald back in the mix, and jumped back up into a tie for 16th - enough to see the 29-year-old go through.

He was one under for the fourth round after 10 holes, but bad weather meant that

play was suspended for three hours.

Archibald made bogeys at the 11th and 12th holes after the players were sent back out, before play was suspended for the day.

He resumed yesterday morn-

ing, but a double bogey at the 15th and a bogey on the 16th ended his chances of progressing to the final stage.

A round of 74 meant Archibald ultimately finished the tournament in a tie for 22nd on -3, with the top 18 going through.

Sport Bites

Wintney lose out

HARTLEY Wintney lost for only the second time in the Combined Counties Premier League this season, following a 4-0 defeat to Raynes Park Vale on Saturday.

This was Wintney's first completed league match since the start of October, after a number of cup ties, postponements and last week's match being abandoned have affected their fixture list.

They are now 14th in the league with six games in hand over leaders South Park, and next play Ash United on Saturday.

Jam Boys win

WHITCHURCH United picked up another win on Saturday following their 3-0 victory at home to Christchurch.

The result means Whitchurch have extended their unbeaten run to nine games, and sit eighth in the Wessex Premier Division standings with 26 points after 16 games.

Their next match is a home tie against Fareham Town, which takes place on Saturday.

Tadley's slump

TADLEY Calvea suffered another loss on Saturday, as they were beaten 4-0 at home to Amesbury Town.

It means that Calvea have picked up just 11 points in their opening 10 games and are 12th in the Wessex First Division table, 16 points behind leaders Andover Town.

They next travel to Ringwood Town on Saturday, who are just one place and two points above Calvea in the standings.

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Three wins from three for Town, and manager Bristow wants more

JASON Bristow believes his side have given themselves a great platform to kick on with the rest of their season.

With nearly a third of games gone in the Skrill South, the inform Dragons sit healthily in the play-off places after three wins in the last three games.

The most recent victory was a 2-0 triumph over dogged Dover Athletic at the Camrose on Saturday.

Goals in each half from Andrew Jenkinson and Matt Partridge secured the win for Bristow's men in difficult weather conditions.

"The last three games have given us a very good platform to build on and hopefully put ourselves in an even better position come Christmas," said Bristow.

"It was a good all round team performance from us in tricky

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conditions with the wind. I thought we played it very well.

"We scored a goal in each half and were the better side throughout I think.

"It was a good win for us.

"I thought we looked composed throughout, the defence stood firm and we got the goal we deserved.

"And the second half sealed a good performance - a battling performance, but at times I thought we played some good stuff as well."

He added that he was pleased with the progress his side have made this season, and they are on track for another push towards the higher reaches of the table in the coming weeks.

"We want to be in and around the play-offs, and that's where we are at the moment so we've got to be pleased," he said.

"You look at the season as a whole, and I think there's some results we could have fared better with, which would have put us in an even better position."

Saturday sees the Dragons travel to fourth from bottom Maidenhead United.

After an impressive start to the season, the Berkshire outfit have slipped down the table in recent weeks after a string of poor results.

However, Bristow feels their hard working and physical attitude will pose his side problems.

"They are a very difficult side to play against," he said. "When we try and play good football it's going to be very difficult, as they will work very hard for 90 minutes."

The Dragons boss confirmed winger Jordace Holder-Spooner should be available in the next two to three weeks after being absent since August with a dislocated shoulder.



• Andrew Jenkinson is congratulated by Manny Williams after scoring Basingstoke's first goal against Dover (Picture by Les Chase)

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